In order to improve safe deliveries at *Dai* training programme is currently bejng undertaken in 166 districts in 19 States. For making services available in remote, inaccessible and underutilized PHC,s a scheme of holding Reproductive and Child Health camps is being implemented in 172 districts in 28 States/UTs and outreach strengthening project in 151 districts.

Institutes Conducting Research in Medicines

1227. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government run institutes in the country engaged in conducting research in medicines;

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last five years;

(c) the number of medicines developed by the scientists, so far; and

(d) the details of the original medical product patents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Use of Amla as Ayurvedic Medicine

1228. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amla is cultivated and used as Ayurvedic medicine;

(b) whether Government are providing financial grants to those whol cultivate this Ayurvedic medicine;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether National Medicinal Plants Board is conducting detailed research on Amla; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Medicinal Plant Board has identified 31 medicinal plants including Amla for funding their cultivation. They have also funded scheme for ensuring quality planting material for propagation.

Opening of Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan

1229. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open any Ayurvedic College in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the college would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal. The Central Government has already established National Institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur.

Check on Pharmaceutical Firms

†1230. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pharmaceutical firms allure the doctors and offer them gifts for prescribing their medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any special steps to keep a check on it.

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) As per the Code of Medical

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.